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In re application of

Chen QI et al.

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Examiner C. Delacroix Muirheir

CHOLESTEROL LOWERING SUPPLEMENT

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This replies to the Official Action of July 16, 2002.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect (I) sitosterol. It is believed that claims 1, 8, 9, 10 and 24 are readable thereon.

As to Species II, applicants elect *Polygonum multiflorum*. It is believed that claims 1-7, 11-13 and 24 are readable thereon.

As to Species III, applicants elect *Chrysanthemum morifolium*. It is believed that claims 1-6, 11-14 and 24 are readable thereon.

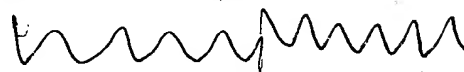
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An action on the merits of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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